GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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DESERT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes sanctioned under Desert Development Programme relating to water storage and development of waste land during the last three years and as on date district-wise alongwith the funds allocated for this purpose, year-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) whether sanctioned schemes were executed within the stipulated time-period and allotted funds spent thereon;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL):

(a) The Desert Development Programme (DDP) is under implementation in 40 districts of 7 Statesnamely, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka andRajasthan. The year. wise details of watershed projects sanctioned under the Programme from 1999.2000 onwards and total project cost approved are given below in Statement-I.

(b) to (d) Under DDP, a watershed project is to be implemented over a period of 5 years and funds are released in 7 instalments keeping in view the progress of implementation. As such, the projects sanctioned during 1999-2000 and thereafter are still at various stages of implementation. Details of funds released to the Programme States (Year-wise and State-wise) under DDP are given below in Statement-II.